



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

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Commissioners: Mary Walker, Bob Proud, and Scott Croswell

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Mock Disaster Teaches Real Life Lessons

On Friday evening, May 14, 2004, the Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee held a full scale training exercise at the Batavia Transmissions L.L.C. Plant in Batavia. The scenario involved a car crashing into a tanker truck resulting in the release of a vapor cloud, later identified as anhydrous ammonia. The driver of the car was overcome by the fumes.

Several plant security officers rushed to the scene and were also overcome by the fumes. A shelter-in-place order was given to the surrounding community, as hazardous material crews and ambulances rushed to the spot in full preparedness gear to handle the situation.



The drill involved a number of local agencies including the American Red Cross, Batavia Transmissions L.L.C., Civil Air Patrol, Clermont County General Health District, Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services, Clermont County ARES/RACES, Clermont County Sheriff's Department, Greater Cincinnati HazMat Unit, Mercy Hospital Clermont, Clermont County Office of Public Information, Williamsburg Fire and EMS services.



"This type of annual drill enables emergency responders from throughout Clermont County and surrounding areas to have the opportunity to work closely together," said Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services Director

Beth Nevel. "This drill, developed by Galen Williams from DPSS and Chief Jim Whitworth from Miami Township Emergency Services, allows us to test our response time and communications with each other and the community. The best way to protect Clermont County in the event of a situation such as this, is to be prepared."

Other agencies that participated and provided support for the event included: Union Twp. Fire Department, Ohio State University Extension Office, Milacron, Inc., A & A Safety, The Alleen Company, Batavia Church of Christ, Clermont Transportation Connection, United Way/New Beginnings Child Care, Rumpke Environmental Services, and Wright Brothers, Inc.

Milford/Miami Twp. Town Meeting

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners will hold a town meeting in Milford on Tuesday, June 22, 2004. The town meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, located at 745 Center Street in Milford, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Citizens are invited to attend the town meeting to learn about projects and initiatives planned for Milford and the rest of Clermont County. It's a great opportunity to ask questions about issues that impact you!

Williamsburg Elementary School Celebrates Law Day with Judge Voris

By: Debbie Cadwallader, Domestic Court



On April 30, 2004, Judge Michael J. Voris, who presides over the Clermont County Domestic Relations Court, visited Williamsburg Elementary School to tell the students about the due process freedoms that we enjoy as Americans. Judge Voris met with 100 enthusiastic third grade students with lots of comments and questions. The students learned that in America, everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and every accused person has a right to a fair hearing.

Law Day is a national event sponsored by the American Bar Association. The event is held on or around May 1, every year, and is designed to remind Americans of our heritage of liberty under the law, and alert them to the role that they play as citizens in protecting and preserving our freedoms. Judge Voris is a former educator who strongly believes in educating the community about the legal system. As a result of Judge Voris' commitment to such education, the Law Day celebration has become an annual event at the Clermont County Domestic Relations Court.

Clermont Sheriff's Department to Host Summer Camp

By: Lt. Randy Harvey, Sheriff's Dept.

This summer the Clermont County Sheriff's Office will be hosting four separate "Junior Police Academy Summer Camps" for teens ages 13 to 18. The summer camps will be held at the Goshen Middle School (June 28 - July 2, and, July 5 - July 9) and at the Boys and Girls Club in New Richmond (July 12 - July 16 and July 19 - July 23). The summer camps will be supervised by various local school resource and DARE officers.

The cadets will not only learn about law enforcement, but emphasis will be placed on teamwork, respect, positive behavior, and community involvement. Some of our camp guests will include the military service, federal law enforcement agencies, marine patrol, aviation patrol, fire and EMS. Practical exercises will include topics such as, crime scene investigation, traffic crash investigation, self defense awareness, and first aid. Additional demonstrations and instruction will be given by our special response team, dive team, and canine units.

The Sheriff's Office is expecting approximately 185 cadets to participate during the four week program. Each cadet will be given a free light breakfast, lunch and an academy T-shirt.

For additional information, call 732-7536.

Congratulations OPI!

The Clermont County Office of Public Information has been awarded four national awards of excellence by the National Association of County Information Officers.

Staff members Kathy Lehr, Bobbi Padgett, and Ron Beach were recognized for news releases, the annual citizens' report "A Vision for the Future," the video documentary "The Wall," and a Clermont County *On the Move* citizen awareness video on how to vote.



June Commissioner Sessions

Tuesday, June 1 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 22 11:00 a.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

16th Annual Ohio River Sweep

By: John McManus, OEQ

Volunteers are needed for the 16th annual Ohio River Sweep, scheduled for Saturday, June 19, starting at 9 a.m. This year, volunteers can help clean up the river banks at sites in New Richmond, Moscow, Neville, and Chilo.

All supplies are provided, and all volunteers will receive a FREE River Sweep 2004 T-shirt and lunch. For more information, contact the Office of Environmental Quality at 732-7894.



**Have Room for
me at your
house?**

Prince is a 10-month-old male, neutered, and great with kids.

Clermont Animal Shelter
732-8854

Starfish Golf

By: Wade Grabowski, Facilities



The Starfish Foundation, a John E. McManus memorial fund, will host its eighth annual golf outing at the Lindale Golf Club on Saturday, June 26, 2004.

All proceeds benefit abused and neglected children. If you would like to play, make a donation, be a hole sponsor or provide a door prize please contact Wade Grabowski at 732-8850.



Look What I Caught!

The Clermont County Park District held its annual Kid's Fishing Derby, sponsored by the East Fork Bass Anglers, on Saturday, May 8, at Pattison Park. A total of 118 kids took part in the event that included prizes for biggest, smallest and most fish caught.



State Office of Child Support Director Visits Clermont County

By: Brenda Gilreath, DJFS

On May 6, 2004, Joseph Pilat, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services visited Clermont County to attend a child support staff meeting to discuss pilot operations for electronic disbursements, now known as Ohio e-QuickPay.



Representatives from Ohio

Child Support Payment Central accompanied Joe and provided the group with an overview and current status of pilot operations and implementation of Ohio e-Quick Pay. In order to comfortably accommodate a large group, the meeting was held at the Eastgate Business and Workforce Resource Center.

Pilot operations for Ohio e-Quick Pay kick off in Clermont County this month. Five other counties are also taking part in this pilot program. Focus on enrollment will occur in June with card activations tentatively scheduled for early July.

On the Move is a service of the Board of Clermont County Commissioners. For more information about any of the articles included in this publication, contact Kathy Lehr or Bobbi Padgett at **732-7597**.
